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MACHINE TOOL AND BEARINGS OUTPUT IMPROVES

NEW MACHINE TOOL CONSTRUCTED -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 211, 23 Oct 48

The Vitebsk Machine-Tool Plant imeni Kirov has begun production of a thread-cutting machine weighing more than 12 tons. The machine can produce 20,000 bolts with a thread diameter of up to 25 millimeters per shift. It replaces more than 100 workers and will be used in the production of hardware.

TBILISI PLANT MODERNIZES SHOPS -- Zarya Vostoka, No 203, 10 Oct 48

The Tbilisi Machinery Plant imeni Kalinin has already realized more than 400,000 rubles in above-plan profits during 1948. The chief shops of the plant are being converted to assembly-line production, and new equipment is being installed continually. New drill presses, face grinders, and "DIP-200" thread cutters have been installed in the lathes, scales, and instrument shops. The plant expects to start production of the "Raymond" metal mill used in chemical, ceramic, and paint plants for grinding coarse materials.

MINSK PLANT COMPLETES MAIN BUILDING -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 203, 12 Oct 48

The main building for the Minsk "Garnik" Scales Plant has been completed. The production area of the main building amounts to 3,000 square meters. Machines have been set up and electrical equipment is being assembled. The main building will start operating this year. The central boiler room has been constructed, and the foundations have been laid for a group of shops, including the electric welding and the heat-treatment shops.

TASHKENT PLANT MAKES TRACTOR AUTOMOBILE BEARING -- Pravda Vostoka, No 197, 3 Oct 48

The Tashkent "Sharikopodshipnik" Plant of Ministry of Automobile and Tractor Industry USSR is repairing bearings for tractors and automobiles in all republics of Central Asia.

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Due to improved techniques, mechanization of transport within the plant, and introduction of multiple tool operation, labor efficiency has increased considerably. In lowering production cost 3 percent above the plan, the plant gained over 150,000 rubles' profit, even though a State subsidy of 130,000 rubles had been provided for.

By the end of the year, the plant intends to produce 5,000 bearings, which are very essential to agriculture.

TBILISI PLANT COMPLETES YEAR PLAN -- Zarya Vostoka, No 203, 10 Oct 48

The Tbilisi Machine-Tool Plant imeni Kirov completed the 1948 plan for production of machine tools on 9 October. This year, for the first time, the plant operated at a profit and without State subsidy. Total profits since the beginning of the year have amounted to 1.3 million rubles. Six new types of machine tools have been put into production during 1948.

MINSK PLANT COMPLETES ANNUAL PLAN -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 200, 8 Oct 48

The Minsk Tool Plant of Machine-Tool Building USSR has completed the annual plan for output of finished goods and tools. The plant has realized 500,000 rubles in above-plan profits during the 9-month period.

Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 214, 27 Oct 48

The Minsk Tool Plant of the Ministry of Machine-Tool Building completed the 1948 production plan on 4 October, realizing 2,444,000 rubles profit in 9 months, and exceeding the year plan for profits by 244,000 rubles.

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